

PATENT

Application No.: 09/535,790
Attorney Docket No.: 99-032**REMARKS****Election/Restriction Requirement**

In order to comply with the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants have elected the subject matter designated by the Examiner as "Group I." The Examiner considers Claims 1-47, 48-57, 58-74, 87, 94-95, 144-153, and 162-167 to be directed to "Group I." [Office Action, page 4].

The Examiner indicates that Claims 1-47 are generic. [Office Action, page 9]. However, the Examiner has also included Claims 1-47 as part of the "patentably distinct" species of "Group I." [Office Action, page 4]. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner clarify whether Claims 1-47 are generic, or are considered to be a species patentably distinct from claims of the other designated groups. The Examiner is cordially requested to contact Michael Downs at telephone number (203) 461-7292 or via electronic mail at mdowns@walkerdigital.com to discuss the status of Claims 1-47.

Conclusion

The Examiner's early re-examination and consideration are respectfully requested.

If there remains any question regarding the present application, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Michael Downs at telephone number (203) 461-7292 or via electronic mail at mdowns@walkerdigital.com.

While no fee is believed to be due at this time, please charge any fees that may be required for this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Furthermore, should an extension of time be required, please grant any extension of time which may be required to make this Amendment timely, and please charge any fee for such an extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

Respectfully submitted,

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